GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCK
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of huge requirement of coal for thermal power generating company to meet the demand of power to all by 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to give priority of allotment of captive coal blocks of Public Sector Generating Company to achieve the target;

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of allotment of block made so far and details of blocks for which PSUs (Power Units) have applied ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR.DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Working Group on Coal & Lignite formed in the Ministry of Coal has assessed the demand for coal by the power sector at 469 million tones by the terminal year of 11th Plan (2011-12) as against an assessment of all India coal demand of 620 million tonne. The indigenous availability of coal in the country has been assessed at 525 million tonne thereby leaving a gap of 95 million tonne.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. 20 coal blocks have been allocated to the public sector power generating companies such as West Bengal Power Development Corporation, Domodar Valley Corporation, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited, an undertaking of Government of Jharkhand. Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, Punjab State Electricity Board and Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board have been allotted coal blocks for captive mining for power generation. Also the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been allocated a big block, having a geological reserve of about 1600 million tonnes under the government dispensation to do mining of coal. The coal will be used by M/s NTPC in their power plants. Further, M/s Gujarat Electricity Board, M/s Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Andhra Pradesh Power generation company (APGENCO) and Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board have also expressed interest in taking coal blocks to sustain power generation. NTPC, DVC and TVNL have also sought further blocks. The blocks applied for include Chattibariatu, kerandari A,B,C, Mahan, Radhikapur, Utkai-A, Utkal-F, Takli Jena Bellora (North) & (South), Machhakata East and West, Aunli, Patrapara, Brahmini, Amelia, Amelia(North), Bisrar, Kosar-dongargaon, Tedicherla etc.